

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [00369] with the following amended paragraph:

Figs. 108-113 illustrate yet another preferred embodiment of the present invention. As shown in Fig. 108, a mask assembly 600 includes headgear 602 and a cushion assembly 604, each of which is substantially similar to the headgear and cushion assembly shown, e.g., in Figs. 60 and 61, respectively. Headgear 602 is designed to capture the crown of the patient's head. Adjustment of strap tension can be accomplished by pulling loose tabs on the top of the head in opposite directions. The ~~pulley-pulling~~ direction is not aligned with the force the nozzle assembly applies to the patient. Therefore, the patient is more isolated from the strap adjustment forces. Yokes provide stability to the sides. Yokes retain at least a partial portion of the basic shape of headgear, which facilitates donning of the headgear. Headgear need not include adjustability toward front of the face, as all adjustment of headgear can be effected at the back or top of the head.